Ashokan columns and a Ashokan Minor Rock Edict, large and small medieval structural complexes representing mosques, gateways, kos minars, forts, astronomical observatory known as Jantar Mantar, baolis, bridges, cemetaries, graves and sites connected with British history.

The medieval remains primarily belong to the Sultanate and Mughal periods of local history and represent various phases of medieval art and architecture. The two Ashokan columns which are inscribed, were brought to Delhi by Firoz Shah Tughlak. The colonial remains are connected with British history of the 18th and 19th century A.D.

(b) The amount spent for their preservation and maintenance and environmental improvement during the last three years are furnished below:—

1987-88	Rs. 60,93,256.00
1988-89	Rs. 64,74,329.00
1989-90	Rs. 96,80,977.00

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Special Armaments to be developed by DRDO

825. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) propose to develop a number of special armaments for use by the three services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the new armaments would be more safe and useful for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Defence Research & Development Organisation proposes to undertake development of advanced air defence weapon system, top attack ammunition and torpedo system for which feasibility/technology demonstration work is in progress. A number of special armaments under various stages of development are lighter mortar system, various types of advanced plastic explosives, runway denial weapon, antitank guided missile system, short-range surface-to-air missile system, medium range surface-to-air missile system, tactical battlefield support surface-to-surface missile systems and multi-barrel rocket system.

(c) These armament systems are based on state-of-the-art technology with special features of very high standard of safety in handling and storage, high weapon accuracy, optimal lethality, and high kill probability. These systems will be very useful in meeting the operational requirements of the Services.

Debarring of HAL Employees to join Political Parties

826. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are not allowed to become members of political parties;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this is applicable to all Public Sector Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) Government had identified certain Public Sector Undertakings for placing reasonable restrictions in the public interest on certain political activities of their employees. These restrictions prohibit the employees of these undertakings from becoming office bearers of a political party. All the Defence Public Sector Undertakings including Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are covered by these instructions.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited have amended the Conduct Rules for officers, in order to incorporate these instructions. For the workmen, these instructions have to be inserted in the Standing Orders which require certification by the Regional Labour Commissioner. There is no bar to HAL employees becoming members of political parties in all their Divisions except in the Nasik Division. In the Nasik Division such a bar exists as the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Bombay, while certifying the amendments to the Standing Orders applicable to the workmen, had modified the proposal of the management and included the holding of membership of political organisations as an act of misconduct. As to recognised Union of the Nasik Division did not file any appeal against the orders of the Regional Labour Commissioner, the amendments, as certified by the Regional Labour Commissioner, have been incorporated in the Standing Orders of the Division.

Amendment in the criteria for Short Listing of Applications for Recruitment

827. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some changes were made in the evaluation criteria for short-listing applications for recruitment to different posts of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas by the Chairman in 1989 without referring the changes to the Board of Governors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the amendments were later submitted to the Board of Governors in its next meeting for approval thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision arrived at therein and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It had been decided to revise the criteria for short-listing the candidates to be called for interviews for different posts of teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in 1989. According to the revised evaluation criteria, greater weightage is given to the academic performance of the candidates. This has been done to ensure that the academically more brilliant candidates get a chance to be interviewed by the Selection Committees.

This was made effective from 1989-90 in respect of recruitment to various teaching posts other than Post Graduate Teachers.

For recruitment to the posts of Post Graduate Teachers, the revised criteria are effective from the current academic session i.e. 1990-91.

(c) and (d) The matter will be placed in the next meeting of the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

पर्यावरण प्रदूषण हेतु बंद किये गये उद्योगों की संख्या तथा नाम

828. डा. अबरार अहमद खान : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में अब तक पर्यावरण प्रदूषण करने वाले कितने उद्योगों अथवा कारखानों को बंद कर दिया गया है और उनके नाम क्या हैं तथा उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

(ख) ऐसे नए उद्योगों तथा कारखानों के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें स्थापित किए जाने पर पर्यावरण संबंधी कारणों से प्रतिबंध लगा दिया गया है ; और

(ग) क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान पर्यावरण प्रदूषण के कारण कोई जान-माल की हानि हुई है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?